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### LOCAL NEWS.

—B. J. Greene was down from Blowing Rock Tuesday.

—Judge Greene (our judge) is now holding court at Durham.

—Esq. Bryan has been filling his ice house with heavy ice this week.

—The boys have had much sport shooting rabbits during the snow.

—We hear that Rev. G. H. Church, of Statesville, fell on the ice and broke one bone of his leg.

—N. N. Colvard has purchased the Horton property on Main street from W. B. Council, Jr.

—Jeter Prichard was chosen U. S. Senator by the Legislature this week. He gets the short term.

—The Western fellows who left this country to better themselves are returning as fast as they can get ready.

—The snow and ice have interfered very much with the mails for the past week. They are running regularly now, however.

—Solicitor Spainhour has returned from Raleigh where he went to attend the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. and the opening of the Legislature.

—If we understand rightly Prof. Yarbboro who was to open school in Boone, is blockaded by the snow and ice and cannot get across from Lenoir.

—The sleet that fell Friday was the heaviest we have had for a number of years. Much timber was stripped of its limbs, a great damage has been done to fruit trees.

—Mills have been blocked up with ice and it has been difficult to get necessary grinding done. There is a general thaw now and business is going on as usual.

—Glad to hear of the improvement of our worthy friend Maj. H. Bingham, of Statesville. We hope the Maj. will recover from his melody which is dropsy.

—Atty. W. B. Council has bought I. N. Corpening's interest in the Blowing Rock Hotel. If we are not mistaken, he is now the sole owner of that beautiful and valuable property.

—We hear that our former worthy citizen L. W. Estes who went to Oakland, Oregon, desires to get back to Blowing Rock or some where else in Watauga. Hope he will come back.

—Some of our subscribers in the western States have responded nicely to our calls for help, by sending in the amounts due, also renewing for another year. We sent statements to nearly all of them some time since, and to

those who have responded so promptly we wish to tender our thanks, and will say to the tardy ones that we *must* have what they are due us.

—In our last issue we failed to note the fact that Mrs. Mary Hodges, of Paris, Texas, who so long lived in our county, died at her home on the 12th ult. She was much loved by the people here, and her death brings sorrow to many hearts.

—T. M. Cottrell and W. S. Miller have gone into the mercantile business with M. B. Blackburn, of our town. and the firm name of Blackburn, Cottrell & Miller takes the place of M. B. Blackburn. They are making orders for their spring and summer goods.

—It is conceded by many citizens here that last Saturday and Sunday was the coldest days we have had for a number of years. The thermometer registered at 10 degrees below zero on Sunday morning. Reports say that it was 18 below at Blowing Rock.

—We have a card from Prof. Jacob Wike, of Flex, N. C. His office is now at Pinix, N. C. He says that mining is beginning to look up and times will improve. Prof. Wike is an excellent man and we were proud to hear from him.

—The publisher of the DEMOCRAT had a letter from his old friend Capt. Lovill, of Thief River Falls, Minn., this week. The Capt. writes that his health is good, and that he is standing the rough weather very well. He says that the thermometer registers all the way from 1 to 35 degrees below zero there.

—On Wednesday evening of last week an unknown man in these parts went to the residence of E. B. Miller, riding a horse bare-back. He spent the night there, and on the following day he was arrested, as he filled, almost perfectly the description of a murderer from South Carolina, for whom there is a heavy reward. Mr. Thos. Greer and others, who had him in charge, brought him to town, but decided not to imprison him until farther investigations could be made. They started back with him, and had only gone about three miles when the prisoner almost instantly sprang from his horse and took 'leg-bale.' He was pursued, but, seemingly to no avail. However, that night the search went on, and near 11 o'clock a horseman was seen nearing the foard of the river below Three Fork church. He was halted by the searchers and proved to be their man. He had, since his escape, stolen a mare from the stable of Mrs. Sophia Hodges and was leaving with her as fast as possible. On Friday morning he had a trial for stealing the mare before J. B. Blair, Esq., and was sentenced to jail for want of bail. He gives his name Weldon Murphy and says he is from Grayson county, Va.

O. W. O. Hardman, Sheriff of Tyle Co., W. Va., appreciates a good thing and does not hesitate to say so. He was almost prostrated with a cold when he procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says: "It gave me prompt relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for coughs and colds. For sale by W. L. Bryan.

**OBITUARY.**  
Died Jan. 17th, 1895. of Consumption, at Silverstone N. C. Mrs. Mollie Fisher, the loved and loving wife of J. Fisher. She had borne him seven children, two of whom survive to endure the unspeakable loss of a tender, loving, and watchful mother.

She professed Christ when young and united with the Baptist church. During the period of her connection with the church she ever maintained an approachable character for piety and devotion to Christ, and when she was cut down doubtless she was ripe for the garner of God. Her last words were spoken to her brother. She told him she was prepared to go, and for him to meet her in heaven.

Words of comfort were spoken by Rev. David Greene, and her remains were laid to rest in the Smith graveyard.

To her sorrow-stricken husband and motherless children it is a calamity language is inadequate to describe. Out of the depths may they be able to echo the cry of Job: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

ELLA GREENE.

**Common Sense**  
Should be used in attempting to cure that very disagreeable disease, catarrh. As catarrh originates in impurities of the blood, local applications can do no permanent good. The common sense method of treatment is to purify the blood, and for this purpose there is no preparation superior to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills cure constipation by restoring peristaltic action to the alimentary canal.

No prospect that Congress will agree on any financial bill.

Purify your blood, tone up the system, and regulate the digestive organs by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sold by all druggists.

Great freshets and big snows with the coldest weather for many years are reported throughout the country.

**Two Lives Saved.**  
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggars, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at W. L. Bryan's. Regular size 50c. & \$1.00.

Zeb Vance Walser, was elected speaker of the House by the fusion element. The Democrats voted for Ray.

The experience of Geo. A. Appgar, of German Valley, N. J., is well worth remembering. He was troubled with chronic diarrhoea and doctored for five months and was treated by four different doctors without benefit. He then began using Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, of which one small bottle effected a complete cure. It is for sale by W. L. Bryan.

We have the annual report of post-master general before us. Few people comparatively speaking have much idea of the enormous business done by Uncle Sam in the postal service. The gross estimated for 1895 is \$84,427,748.15; expenses for 1895 \$90,399,485.33; causing a deficiency for 1895 of \$5,971,736.89.

## BRYAN'S COLUMN.

—O—  
**THIS IS NO HUMBUG TO DRAW TRADE!**

—O—  
**I MEAN BUSINESS.**

—O—  
From now until the first day of April I will sell my stock of

**CLOTHING**  
—AND—  
**OVERCOATS**

At 10 per cent above

**COST!**

**SAY!**

—O—  
If you don't think I mean it come and look through my

**STOCK**

It won't cost you one cent if you don't purchase.

I have a large stock and want to get rid of it before spring.

—O—  
**CALL AND LOOK!**

—O—  
I would call your attention to the big cut in prices in my other lines

RESPECTFULLY

**W. L. BRYAN.**

## VALLE CRUCIS ACADEMY.

In the sequestered valley of the Watauga, at Valle Crucis, will be opened (D. V.) on the first Monday in February 1895, an institution for the higher education of pupils of both sexes, under the direction of the following teachers:

M. JONES, Superintendent.  
PROFESSOR W. MONROE FRANCUM.  
PROFESSOR VALENTINE.

Three departments will be organized, and scholars fully instructed in the following branches at the rates specified:

CLASSICAL, \$3.00 per Month, including Latin, Greek, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Analytics, Calculus, Surveying, Physics, Book-keeping, Rhetoric, Mental and Moral Philosophy, etc.

INTERMEDIATE; \$2.00 per Month, including Arithmetic, History, Geography, Physiology and Grammar.

PRIMARY, \$1.00 per month.  
(Special arrangements may be made for additional studies.)

As this Institution embraces in its curriculum all the studies usually taught in the ordinary colleges, and at greatly reduced rates, we ask the citizens of Watauga and adjacent counties to avail themselves of the advantages thus offered to their children.

Excellent board may be obtained at the neighboring farm houses, the highest rates not exceeding seven dollars per month.

Reference to the climate is unnecessary. The crowds that throng Blowing Rock, Boone, Linville, etc., all within a few miles of the school, bear testimony to the exceeding healthfulness of the surroundings.

## NEW YEAR GREETINGS!

Yes, the old year of 1894 is gone with all its pleasures and troubles, and the New Year 1895 is ushered in upon us, and we all should make the best use of it possible. The way to do that is to begin right and keep right the year through.

You can do this by doing all your trading during the year at my store, where you will find a complete line of general merchandise, all at the

### VERY LOWEST PRICES.

I will sell for strictly pay down during the year 1895, by so doing I can sell you much cheaper than on credit. For instance good sole leather at 21c., by the side, good coffee 26c. a lb., sugar 17 lbs. for \$1.00, 5 lbs. soda 25c. Alumina 6 1/2 cts. and up, domestic, very heavy, 7 cts. by the bolt, cash, jeans, calicoes, worsted, dress flannels, cashmere, shoes—yes the largest lot of shoes ever seen in this part of the county, very low. Call and see them, you will also find a good lot of hardware. I can get you on short notice, cook stoves, farmers friend plows and repairs, Bissell and Chataooga bull-tongue plows, water piping etc.,

### ALL AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

WANTED: Corn, rye, wheat, butter, eggs, feathers, dry hides, beeswax, etc., all at highest market prices. Please give me your trade this year, and I will certainly sell you goods cheap. Wishing all my friends and customers a prosperous and happy New Year. I am

Yours Anxious to please,

**WILL W. HOLSCLOW.**

## THE MOUNTAIN MEDICINE COMPANY

### ZIONVILLE NORTH CAROLINA

Is now engaged in the manufacture and sale of a valuable medicine, known as the MOUNTAIN HERB MEDICINE, composed of the natural herbs of our mountain section.

This wonderful medicine is highly recommended for diseases of the Liver, Stomach, Kidneys and all diseases arising from a bilious system. This is no patent medicine. It is pure, simple, cheap and effective. It is recommended by the physicians of the county, and is one of the best medicines on the market.

This medicine is put up in packages with full directions with full directions on each. Price \$1.00 per package, sent post paid to any address. If you have Liver trouble, Dyspepsia or Kidney complaints, try it and be convinced that we are not trying to humbug you. RESPECTFULLY,

THE MOUNTAIN MEDICINE COMPANY.

Zionville, N. C., Sept. 6, 1894.

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